

Town Manager's Report

Tuesday

April 24, 2012

News From Ecomaine- The Board of Directors has voted to further reduce its outstanding debt making their final payment on August 1 of this year. They have also agreed to reduce the annual assessment charge to member communities in the coming year by \$1M dollars. The impact of this is a savings to Bridgton of \$43,181 which has now been removed from the FY 2013 Transfer Station budget request. This also reduces the tax rate by about 4 cents per thousand and continues the efforts of the Select Board to bring in a well thought out budget while controlling the impact to the town side of the budget.

Ecomaine further reported that they brought in an additional \$500,000 from their recycling operations supporting the reason why they ventured into recycling a few years ago with the single sort program.

Sewer System Update- The Town has executed its agreement with Sawyer Engineering and Surveying services to act as the licensed operator for the Town's system. A copy of the contract was reviewed by the MDEP and they will receive an executed copy.

The Sewer Committee will meet on May 10th at 5PM to further review the future plans for the system.

Property Taxes Due Date: We want to remind our taxpayers of the May 15, 2012 due date to avoid interest. We encourage all tax payers to meet this deadline and avoid the downside of being delinquent which could lead to a tax lien and foreclosure process.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mitchell Berkowitz

Town Manager